

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) Chain or synchronous belt drive ~~[[with]]~~ comprising at least one chain or synchronous belt wheel, which is integrated in the drive and through which the chain or the synchronous belt is guided and engaged, as well as with an over-jump protection element, which at least partially overlaps the chain or the synchronous belt on a side opposite the wheel, ~~characterized in that~~ the over-jump protection element ~~[[13]]~~ is provided on an element ~~[[12]]~~ guiding or tensioning an adjacent chain ~~[[10]]~~ or an adjacent synchronous belt.
2. (Currently amended) Chain or synchronous belt drive according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the adjacent chain or the adjacent synchronous belt is also guided by a common chain or synchronous belt wheel ~~[[3]]~~ or a chain or synchronous belt wheel ~~(3a, 3b)~~ coupled with the common wheel.
3. (Currently amended) Chain or synchronous belt drive according to claim 1, wherein ~~claim 1 or 2~~, ~~characterized in that~~ the over-jump protection element ~~[[13]]~~ is connected integrally to the element ~~[[12]]~~.
4. (Currently amended) Chain or synchronous belt drive according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the element ~~[[12]]~~ is made from plastic or metal.
5. (Currently amended) Chain or synchronous belt drive according to claim 1, wherein ~~or 2~~, ~~characterized in that~~ the over-jump protection element ~~[[13]]~~ is a component that is separate from the element ~~[[12]]~~ and is mounted on the element ~~[[12]]~~.

6. (Currently amended) Chain or synchronous belt drive according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the over-jump protection element $[(13)]$ and the element $[(12)]$ are composed of plastic or metal or of different materials.

7. (Currently amended) Chain or synchronous belt drive according to claim 1, ~~wherein one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ the over-jump protection element $[(13)]$ ~~is embodied as~~ comprises at least one plate $[(14)]$ or projection, which is shaped ~~preferably~~ according to outer contours of the chain or synchronous belt to be overlapped and which projects laterally from the element.

8. (Currently amended) Chain or synchronous belt drive according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the plate $[(14)]$ or the projection is supported by a support element ~~(15) up~~ that extends to the element $[(12)]$.

9. (Currently amended) Chain or synchronous belt drive according to claim 1, ~~wherein one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ the element $[(12)]$ is a chain or synchronous belt tensioner integrated in a drive of an oil pump.

10. (Original) Tensioning or guiding element for integration in a traction mechanism drive, ~~especially a chain or synchronous belt drive for tensioning or guiding the traction mechanism, especially the chain or the synchronous belt, with~~ comprising at least one laterally projecting over-jump protection element $[(13)]$ for a chain $[(2)]$ or synchronous belt guided adjacent to the chain or to the synchronous belt.

11. (Currently amended) Tensioning or guiding element according to claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the tensioning or guiding element is a one-piece part.

12. (Currently amended) Tensioning or guiding element according to claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the tensioning or guiding element is made from plastic or metal.

13. (Currently amended) Tensioning or guiding element according to claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the over-jump protection element ~~[(13)]~~ is a component that is separate from the element ~~[(12)]~~ and is mounted on the element ~~[(12)]~~.

14. (Currently amended) Tensioning or guiding element according to claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the over-jump protection element ~~[(13)]~~ and the element ~~[(12)]~~ are comprised of plastic or metal or of different materials.

15. (Currently amended) Tensioning or guiding element according to claim 10, ~~wherein one of claims 10 to 14, characterized in that~~ the over-jump protection element ~~(13)~~ comprises at least one plate ~~[(14)]~~ or projection, which is shaped preferably according to outer contours of the chain or synchronous belt to be overlapped and which projects laterally.

16. (Currently amended) Tensioning or guiding element according to claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the plate ~~[(14)]~~ or the projection is supported by a support element ~~(15)~~ that extends to the element ~~[(12)]~~.